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the circumstances, it is idle to consider the feasibility of entering into a contract for the expenditure of from \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 more. Whatever advantages consolidation may have for what was the former city of New-York is not entirely changed by the conditions under which new obligations can be entered into which are to be met by sales of bonds.

These conditions must be frankly met. The people cannot wait an indefinite number of years until a proposed revolutionary law may make it constitutionally lawful for the city to proceed with the projected scheme of rapid transit. The people are treated with seven years delay since the formation of the original rapid-transit commission, and have obtained absolutely no relief. I have no intention of criticizing the efforts of the men who have served on this Commission but it seems to me that their period of usefulness has nearly expired and that they are unqualified to lead. Another standpoint, uniqueness of the city, is an end. The scheme to which they are committed is dead. Another

able of being put into immediate effect. Under the circumstances it would seem to be only fair for the men now constituting the Rapid Transit Commission to resign, and allow their offices to be filled by others more in sympathy with the present administration, without the active aid and co-operation of which no plan can be carried out. It is true that it is possible that these men do not even view the situation in this light, for it must be assumed that they would desire to retain their offices, and that, if not the retention of office, which with continuing failure, would soon be bereft of all value, they would properly desire to retain it. Rapid transit is the overhauling interest of the boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx. The responsibility for the failure to achieve it, just as it should be entitled to credit for securing it. Responsibility for the failure of the Rapid Transit Commission is to remain as it is now constituted."

A WEEK'S REVIVAL OPENED IN CARNEGIE HALL.

TWO SERVICES, WITH ADDRESSES BY THE
EVANGELIST, LARGELY ATTENDED—DR.
JOHN HALL AT THE EVEN-
ING MEETING.

Carnegie Hall was crowded yesterday afternoon when Dwight L. Moody opened the series of evangelistic services that are to be held there this week. The first service was held at 7 o'clock.

On the platform were the Rev. Messrs. A. C. Dixon, George S. Avery, J. Howard Tate and S. V.

Robinson. This is Mr. Moody. He is a man of unusual appearance, and is usually, by the pastors of various churches, surrounded by a large number of men and their choirs. A hundred men and women composing the choir were seated on the stage. Several familiar hymns made up the first part of the service. The singing was led by J. H. Burke, of Chicago.

Mr. Moody took his text from Titus II, II-6. He said that last year, in this city, he had spoken of the same subject, and had again taken it up because of the truth in it.

"Grace," said he, "is the free gift of God to all, and it is my duty to work it out. What we must have now is fire in religion. A man may say that he is a Christian, but we want him to make it that he is. Christ came to save in this sense that he is the author of our life. He died to make us a peculiar people—zealous. God fills a man with fire that he may go out and stir other men. It makes no difference whether the man be wise or ignorant."

"I once travelled 40 miles from London to Scotland to hear Dr. Duff make a speech, for I had been told that he was full of the Holy Spirit. What we need is to get up a church of God full of fire and zeal. There is just as much need now for church work as ever, and if we had one hundred men who would stand up and preach day and night we could shake this great city. If, however, you should be one of those men you would be called a fanatic and a fool."

Some thirty years ago a young man started a rescue mission for street children in London. He was derided and looked down upon, but to-day there

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Mr. Moody said that he had been called to address a men on "Sin." The body of the church was filled with people from the upper galleries. There were about three thousand persons present. On the platform stood Mr. Moody, Dr. Hall, and others. He began by announcing his resignation of the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Hall opened the meeting with prayer. Then Mr. Moody spoke at length, especially to the young men particularly. In the course of his address he asked the young men who wanted to get rid of sin to ask him personally. About five hundred arose in various parts of the building. While they were standing prayer was offered.

Mr. Moody said that the subject of sin was the most interesting of all, and very appropriate for the meeting for young men. "There are two things you should know about sin," he said. The speaker said, "and it is our bitterest enemy. There is but one way to get rid of sin. There is no other way."

"I believe that many men do not succeed because of the sin back of them. You never told me that you didn't sell twenty more to cover it up. God says the sin away—covers it up. You are free agents, but I ask you to give your sins away and be made free.

"It was seventeen years ago, in Boston, that God forgave me. I have learned to appreciate it more and more as the years roll by.

"My Minister mentioned the young men that stood up and asked to be prayed for. He said it took a moral course.

"I am glad to hear that you are making the fol-

lowing text: "The wages of sin is death; the gift of God is an eternal life through Jesus Christ."

A meeting will be held this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

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NOT IN DEMAND.

From The Atlanta Constitution.

A defaulting ex-State official wrote to the Governor of his Commonwealth from his Canadian residence.

The Governor replied: "This is a great concession on your part, but a few new buildings are going up now, and we'll have to do without your services a while longer."

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